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DEADPOOL
Assassin

SELECTED FOR A TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT PROGRAM THAT GAVE HIM A HEALING FACTOR AND ABILITY TO HEAL FROM ANY WOUND, WADE WILSON USES HIS TALENTS TO BE THE WORLD'S MOST SKILLED MERCENARY – AND CERTAINLY ITS MOST ANNOYING. LOVED AND LOATHED AS THE MERC WITH THE MOUTH, WADE WILSON MAKES HIS MONEY AS A GUN FOR HIRE. FOR ALL YOUR HOMICIDAL NEEDS, NO QUESTIONS ASKED BUT PLENTY OF TASTELESS QUIPS AND MAXIMUM POSSIBLE TRAUMA, CALL...

DEADPOOL *Assassin*

WADE WILSON, A.K.A. DEADPOOL, IS DETERMINED TO LEAVE CONTRACT KILLING BEHIND.

BUT RETIREMENT IS EXPENSIVE, AND MERC-ING PAYS THE BILLS, SO WADE TRUSTED HIS PAL AND HANDLER WEASEL TO LINE UP A STRING OF JOBS PROTECTING INNOCENT PEOPLE TO KEEP THE CASH FLOWING.

BUT WEASEL LIED (HE DOES THAT, AS HIS WIFE, CLARICE, HAS DISCOVERED) AND WADE'S WORK PUT HIM IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THE ASSASSINS GUILD.

NOW, IN RETALIATION FOR MURDERING A NUMBER OF HER DEADLIEST DISCIPLES, THE GUILD'S LEADER – BELLADONNA BOUDREAUX – HAS PUT OUT BOUNTIES ON DEADPOOL AND EVERYONE HE CARES ABOUT...

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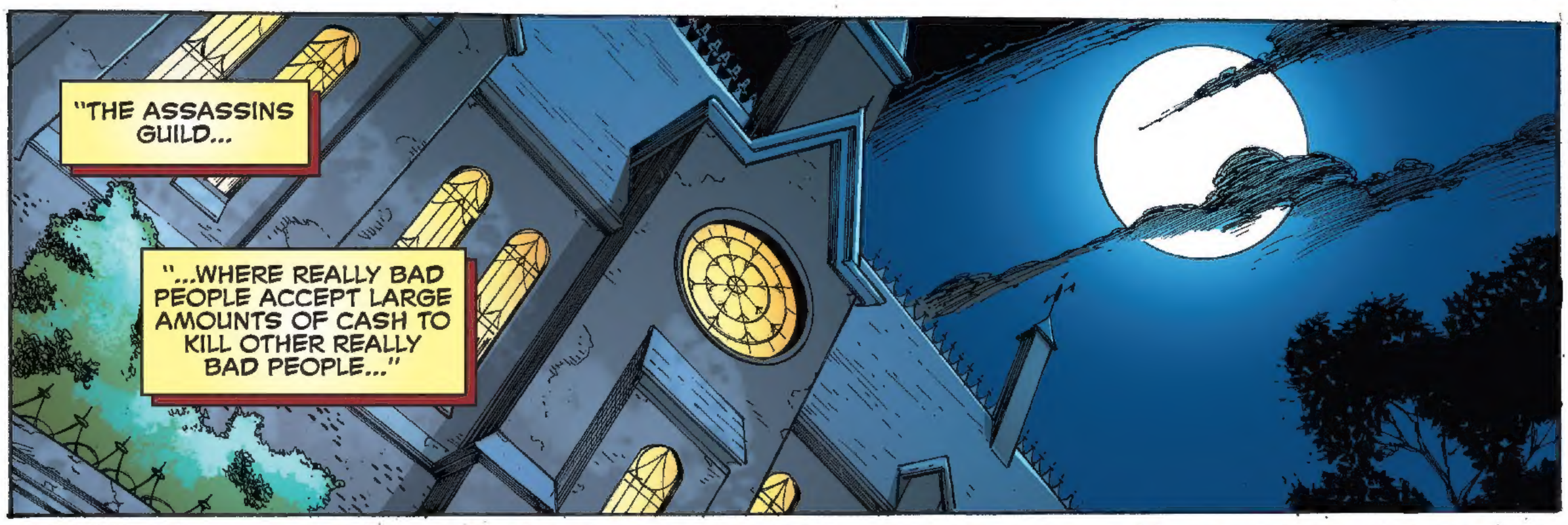
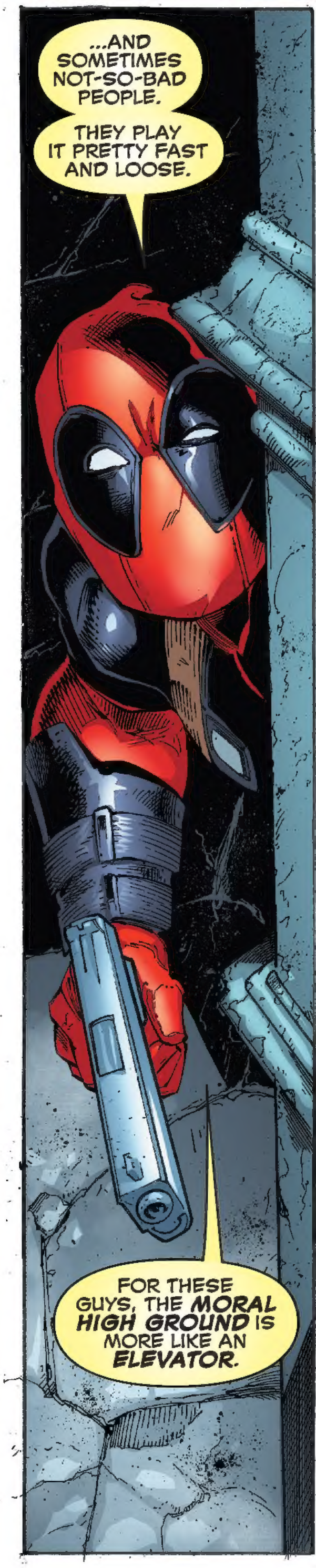
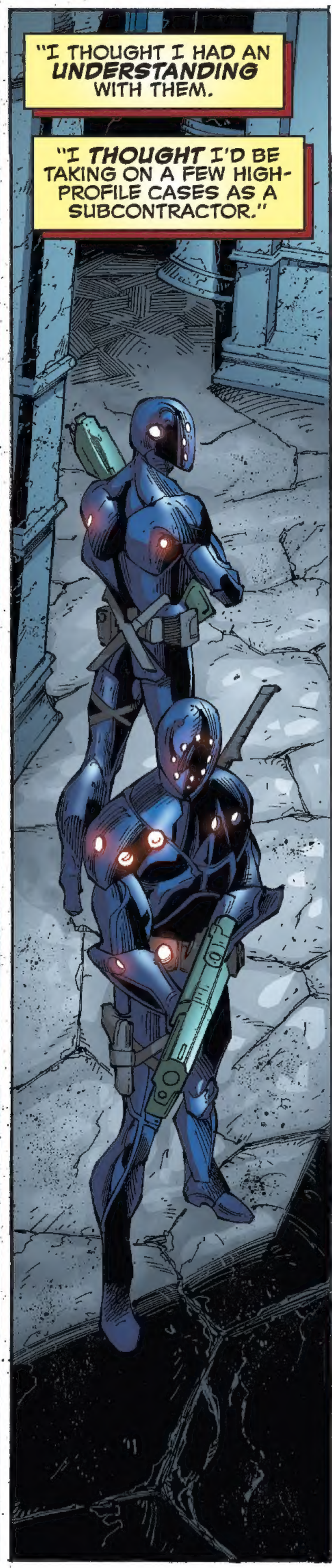
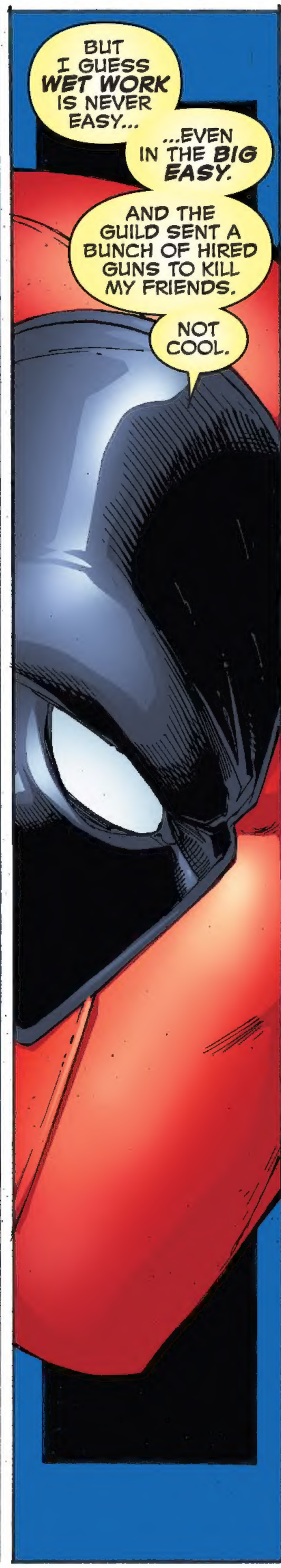

"THE ASSASSINS GUILD...
"...WHERE REALLY BAD PEOPLE ACCEPT LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH TO KILL OTHER REALLY BAD PEOPLE..."

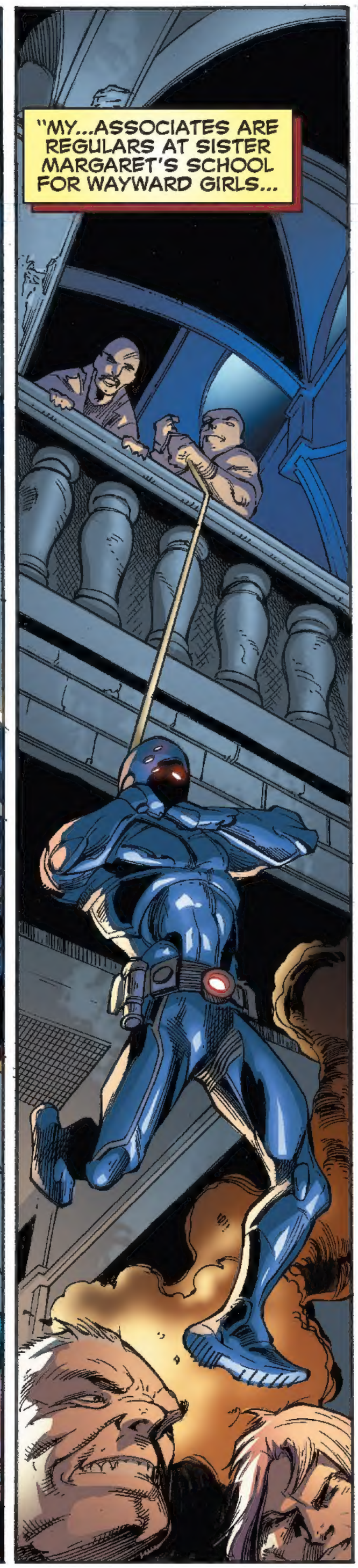

...AND SOMETIMES NOT-SO-BAD PEOPLE.
THEY PLAY IT PRETTY FAST AND LOOSE.
FOR THESE GUYS, THE MORAL HIGH GROUND IS MORE LIKE AN ELEVATOR.

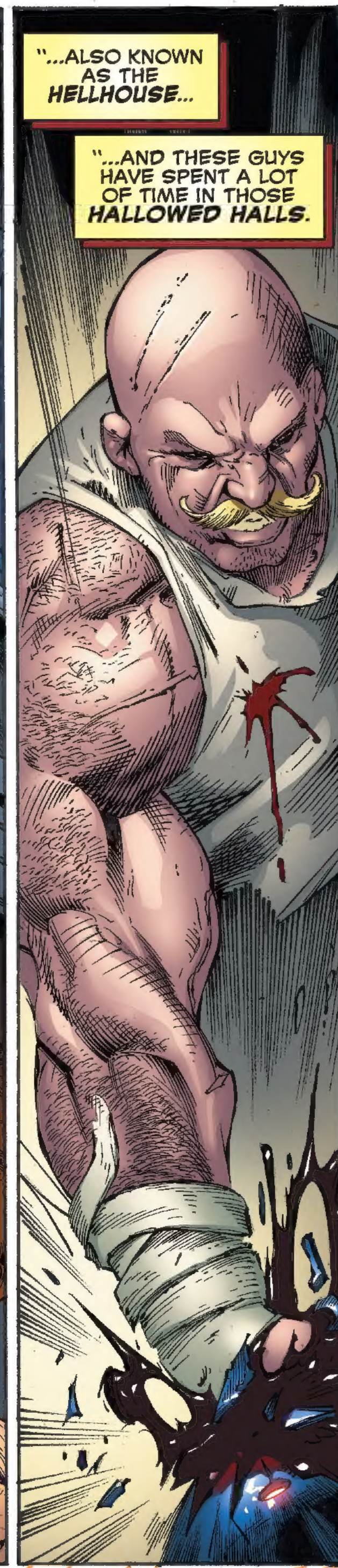

"I THOUGHT I HAD AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THEM.
"I THOUGHT I'D BE TAKING ON A FEW HIGH-PROFILE CASES AS A SUBCONTRACTOR."


BUT I GUESS WET WORK IS NEVER EASY...
...EVEN IN THE BIG EASY.
AND THE GUILD SENT A BUNCH OF HIRED GUNS TO KILL MY FRIENDS.
NOT COOL.

"SO, I'M HERE--RIGHT IN THE DEN OF KILLERS--FOR A LITTLE PAYBACK.
"DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, THOUGH.
"I DIDN'T COME ALL BY MY LONESOME.

"I BROUGHT A LITTLE BACKUP.


"MY...ASSOCIATES ARE REGULARS AT SISTER MARGARET'S SCHOOL FOR WAYWARD GIRLS...


"...ALSO KNOWN AS THE HELLHOUSE...
"...AND THESE GUYS HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN THOSE HALLOWED HALLS.

"OH, AND THEY'RE FROM THE NEW YORK ANNEX OF THE 'SCHOOL'...
"...WHICH IS REALLY THE HANGOUT FOR THE WORST OF THE WORST.

"JUST THE KIND OF 'MAMA-DIDN'T-LOVE-ME' HARD CASES I NEEDED FOR A JOB LIKE THIS.
"ALTHOUGH, I ADMIT...

"...I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO DO SO WELL.
BOOM

"I KIND OF THOUGHT I'D PULL A FAST ONE ON BOTH THE MERCS AND THE ASSASSINS...
"...LET THE TWO GROUPS SLAUGHTER EACH OTHER, THEN I'D JUST NEED TO COME IN AND HANDLE LOOSE ENDS.

"BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT GOOD INTENTIONS."
THESE GUYS ARE THE BEST MURDERERS IN THE WORLD?
THEY'RE PUSHOVERS!
I'M TELLING YOU--US BLUE-COLLAR MERCENARIES NEED BETTER MARKETING OR SOMETHING.
THESE GUYS ARE EATING OUR BREAKFASTS--

HNN--?
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE COMING HERE.
SHUNK

THIS IS--

--MY HOUSE!

WE WILL NOT BE *THREATENED!*

THIS IS THE ASSASSINS GUILD!

WE DO NOT STAND IDLY AND ALLOW *THUGS AND RUFFIANS* TO *SULLY* OUR--

BLAM

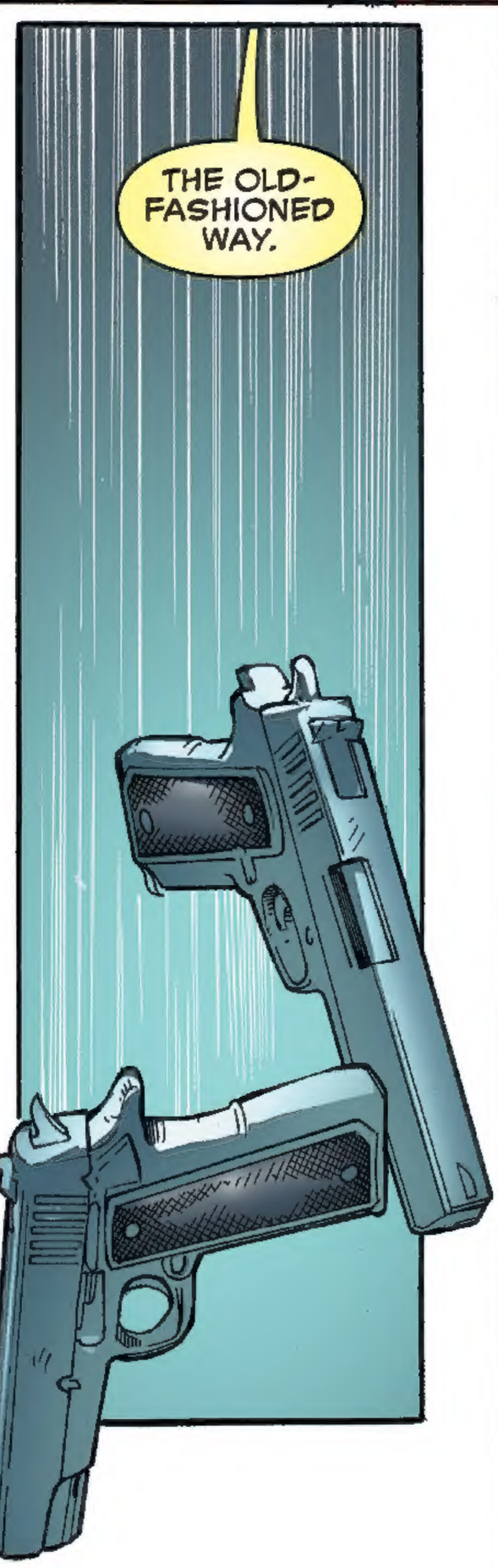
BLAM

Y'ASK ME...

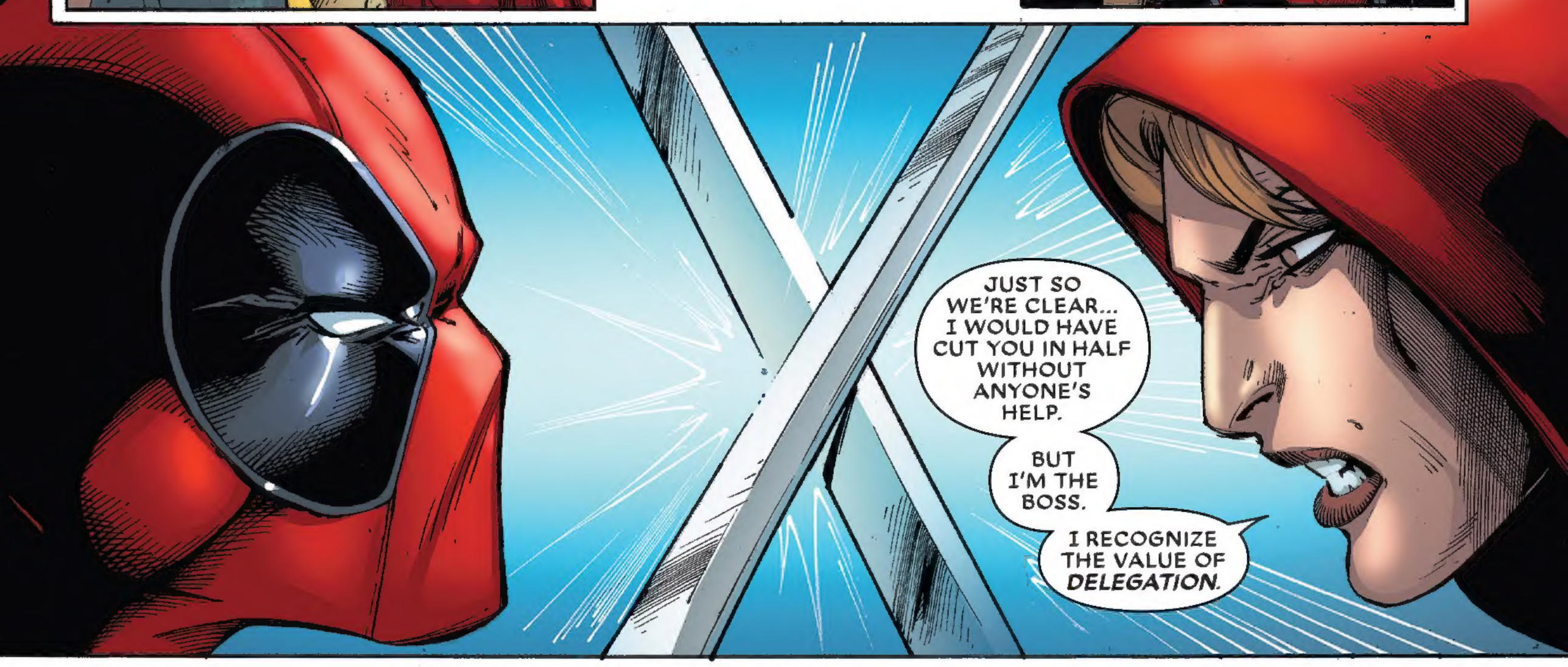
...YOU COULD *USE* A GOOD *SULLYING.*

I KNOW I ALWAYS FEEL MUCH BETTER ONCE I'VE BEEN THOROUGHLY *SULLIED*.
THAT'S NOT AN OFFER, BY THE WAY.
I *WARNED* YOU, BELLADONNA. I WARNED YOU NOT TO MESS WITH ME OR MINE.

AND NOW YOU'VE GOTTA *DIE*.


THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.

JUST ME AND YOU NOW, BELLA.
IT'S TOTALLY COOL THAT YOU KILLED ALL MY MERCENARY BUDDIES.
(TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH TO PAY THEM FOR THIS JOB ANYHOW.)


JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR... I WOULD HAVE CUT YOU IN HALF WITHOUT ANYONE'S HELP.
BUT I'M THE BOSS.
I RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF *DELEGATION*.

EEP?

NOW, IF YOU WOULD KINDLY THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER.

THEY WILL NOT SAVE YOUR LIFE.

I *WILL* ASSIGN MY VERY BEST *TORTURERS* TO ATTEND TO YOU IN THE COMING--

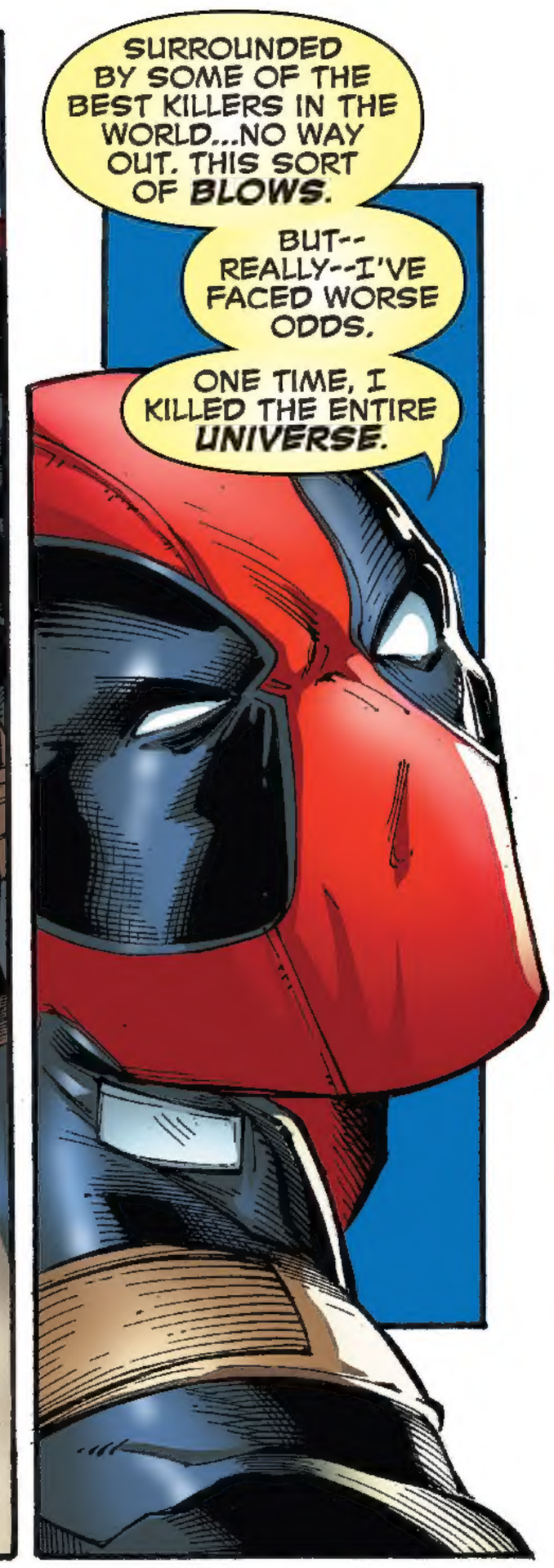
THAT... WAS A *DIRTY* TRICK.

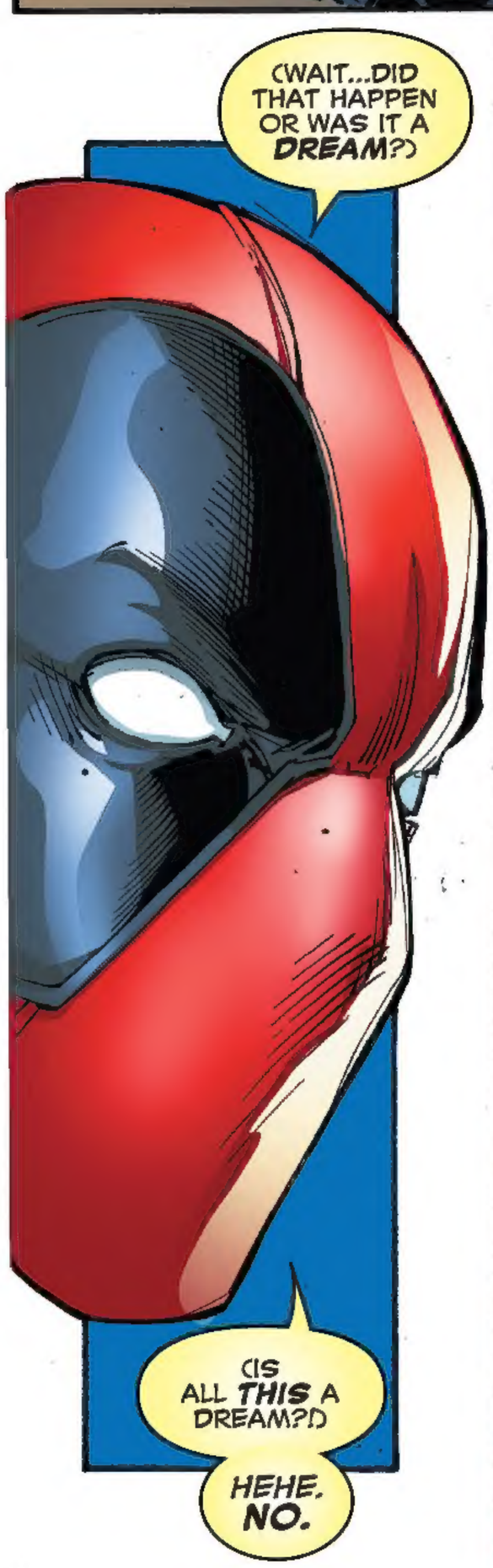
THUNK

FWUMPF

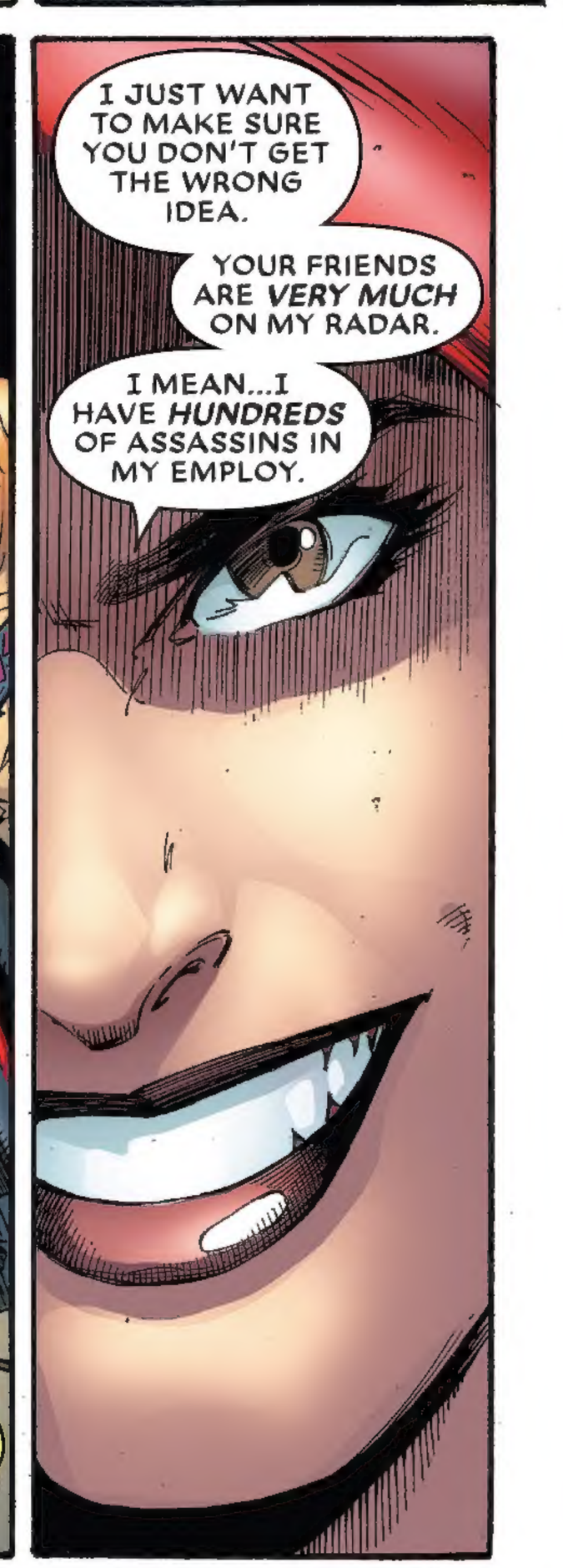
YEAH.
HE'S DEAD.
DEATH ADDER ALWAYS WAS #$%& IN A FIGHT.

AW--DEATH ADDER?
I WAS TOTALLY GOING FOR LORD DEATHSTRIKE.


SURROUNDED BY SOME OF THE BEST KILLERS IN THE WORLD...NO WAY OUT. THIS SORT OF BLOWS.
BUT--REALLY--I'VE FACED WORSE ODDS.
ONE TIME, I KILLED THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.


(WAIT...DID THAT HAPPEN OR WAS IT A DREAM?)
(IS ALL THIS A DREAM?)
HEHE. NO.

THE IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT I'VE MADE SUCH A STINK HERE WITH THE GUILD, BELLADONNA'S TOTALLY GONNA FORGET ABOUT WEASEL AND HIS--
AHEM.
ARE YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF?
NOT SURE IF YOU NOTICED OR NOT, BUT I WAS ON SOMETHING OF A SELF-ABSORBED MONOLOGUE THERE.
THAT KIND OF NARCISSISM IS TOUGH TO FOSTER OUTSIDE OF SOCIAL MEDIA.
ACTUALLY--WHERE'S MY PHONE? I SHOULD TOTALLY TWEET ABOUT THIS.
#SURROUNDED BYASSASSINSBUT STILLKILLINGIT


I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
YOUR FRIENDS ARE VERY MUCH ON MY RADAR.
I MEAN...I HAVE HUNDREDS OF ASSASSINS IN MY EMPLOY.

"HAVEN'T YOU WONDERED WHERE THEY'VE ALL GONE?"

THIS IS A *TERRIBLE* IDEA!

TACO MAMA

TACO MAMA

WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LET DEADPOOL DRAG US BACK TO NEW ORLEANS WITH HIM!

THIS PLACE IS *ASSASSIN CENTRAL!*

BUT HE SAID WE'D BE HIDING...RIGHT UNDER THEIR NOSES OR SOMETHING.

CLARICE, BABY, YOU GOTTA UNDERSTAND.

DEADPOOL IS THE *KING* OF *STUPID IDEAS!*

AND I'M THE KING OF *GOING ALONG WITH HIS STUPID IDEAS!*

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE BACK SO SOON...

...DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO *HARVEST* SO MUCH AT ONCE...

...MAYBE ENOUGH...

WHAT'S THAT, THRENODY?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

YOU'LL SEE, WEASEL.

JUST BE READY.

"THEY'RE COMING."

Taco MAMA

Robertson

Assasinscankissmyass!

ALL UNITS-- CONVERGE ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

ROOM TWELVE.

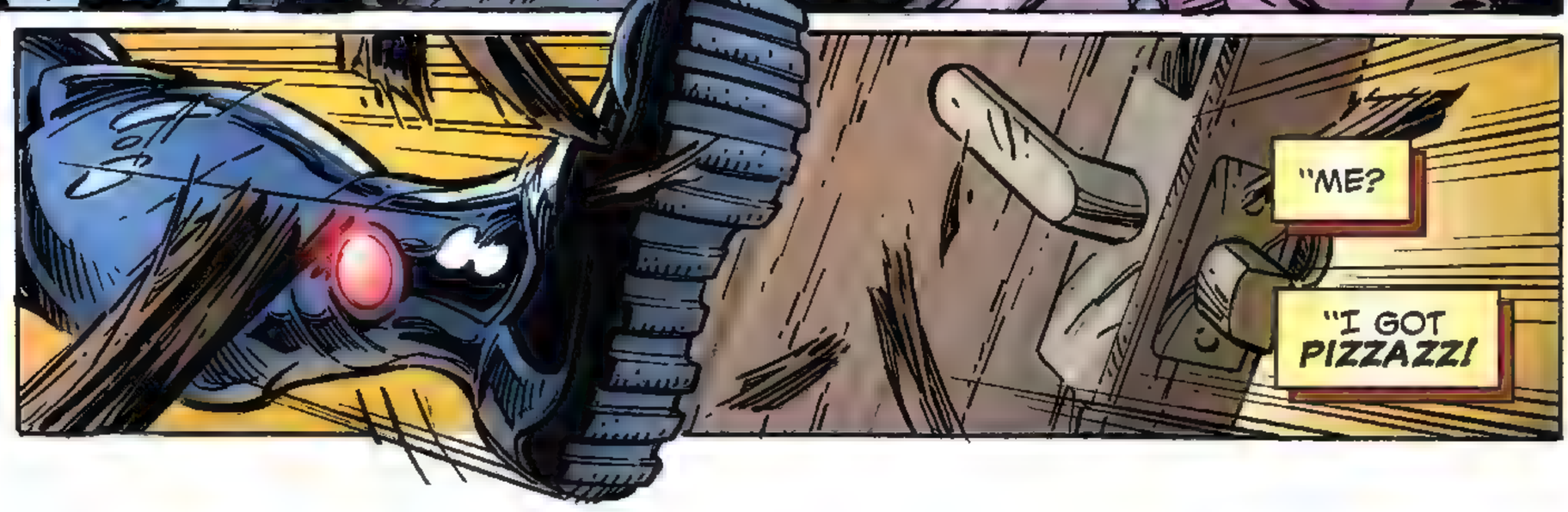
BRAKKA BRAK BRAKKA
SEE--THE PROBLEM WITH THE ASSASSINATION GAME IS THAT EVERYONE THINKS IT'S SO DAMN EASY TO BREAK IN.
SHRAAAK

"EVERYBODY AND HIS CREEPY UNCLE THINKS THEY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL FOR MONEY.

"BUT DOING THE JOB...
"...AND DOING THE JOB WITH FLAIR?"

SHKKKK

THOSE ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT ANIMALS.


"ME?
"I GOT PIZZAZZ!

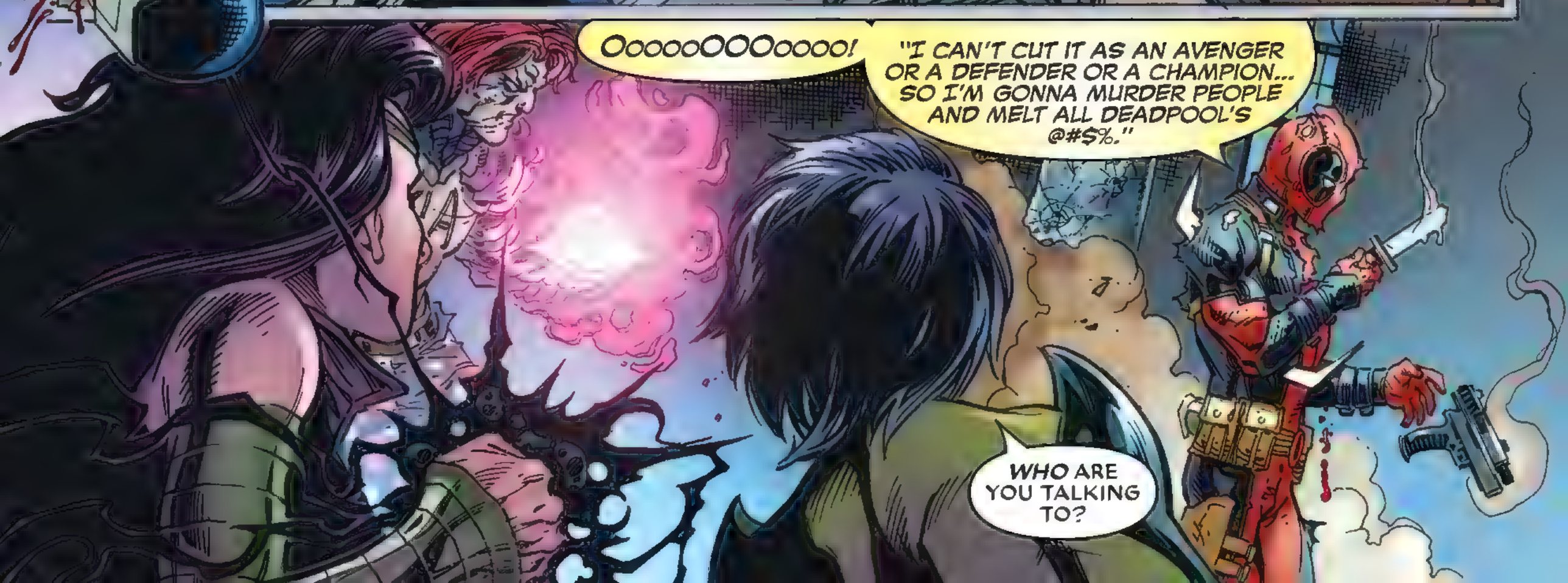
"YOUR GUILD, THOUGH?

"THEY GOT A ROOM FULL OF DEADPOOL MANNEQUINS HOLDING EXPLOSIVES."
TNT

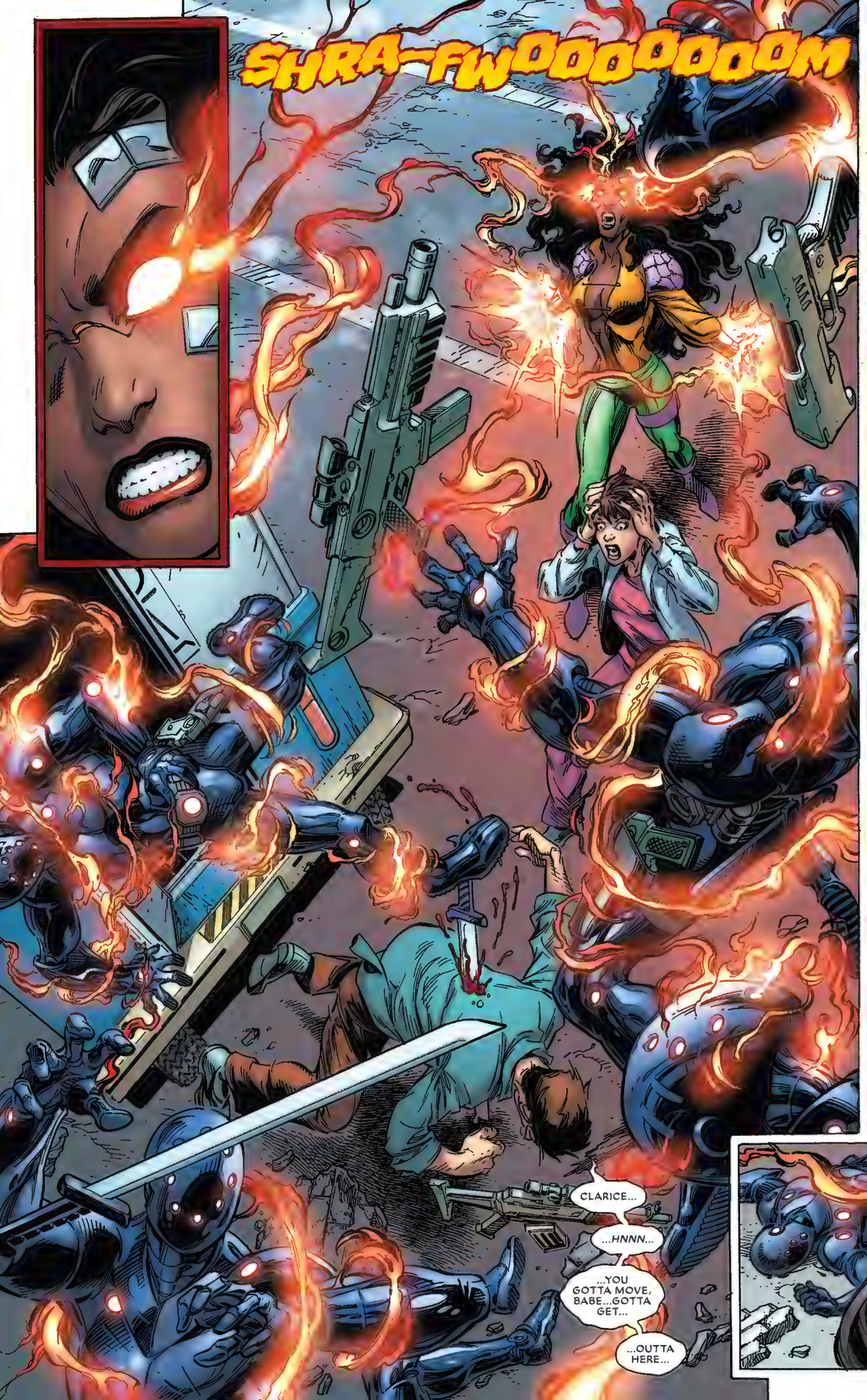
JOE'S
MOTEL
VACANCY
SUPER-BOOM

OF COURSE, SOME VICIOUS KILL-FOR-MONEY TYPES HAVE SPECIAL GIMMICKS--
--GRABBY DARKFORCE TENTACLES AND TRICK BOOMERANGS--

"--THOSE GUYS ARE THE BIGGEST JERKS OF ALL."
HOLY--
DON'T STOP--KEEP MOVING!


OoooooOOOoooo!
"I CAN'T CUT IT AS AN AVENGER OR A DEFENDER OR A CHAMPION... SO I'M GONNA MURDER PEOPLE AND MELT ALL DEADPOOL'S @#$%."
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

LUCKY FOR ME...I STILL HAVE A FEW SKEEVY TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE--
--LIKE MY TRUSTY DEADPOOL TRACKERS!
INSPIRED BY TECH USED BY MY GOOD PAL SPIDER-MAN HIMSELF...
"...AND CRAFTED BY MY TRUSTY FRIEND WEASEL...
STAY WITH ME!
THRENODY, KEEP CLARICE SAFE. NICE AND CALM.
WE'RE ALMOST TO THE TRUCK!
"...ONLY I THINK TRACKERS ARE FOR CHEATS AND NERDS..."
YEEEAARGH!
...AND I'M MORE OF A CHAIN LIGHTNING SORT OF GUY.
NNNNG--
GRRGGGG--
SSZZZKKKKLLLKZZZZOW
"HAVEN'T YOU HEARD BY NOW? YOU HIT ME...I HIT BACK--RIGHT IN THE SOFT AND DELICATES!"
SHNNK
HRRGGK!
JACK!


SHRA-FWOOOOOOOM
CLARICE...
...HNNN...
...YOU GOTTA MOVE, BABE...GOTTA GET...
...OUTTA HERE...

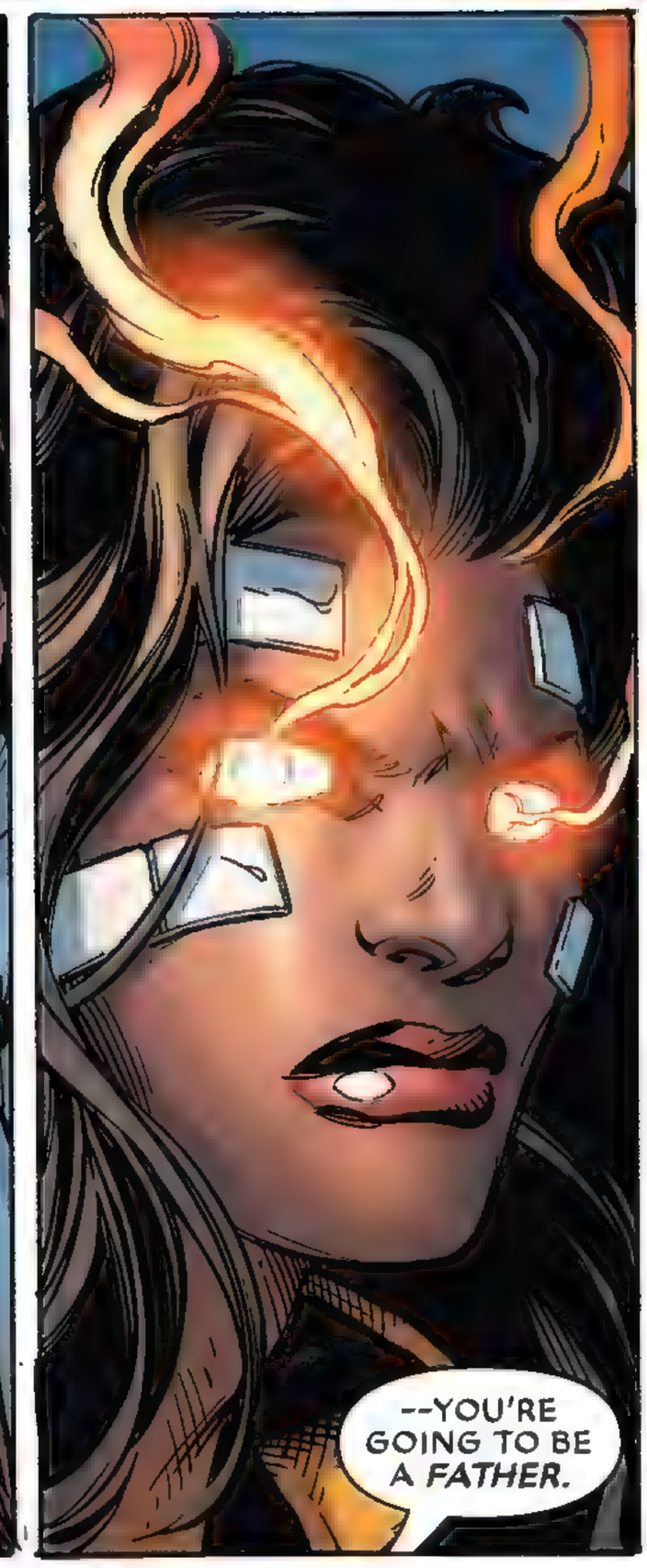
NNNNOOOOO--

YES!

SURROUNDED BY DEATH...
...DEALING IT OUT...
...GIVING IT UP...

ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, I'M TAKING WHAT I *NEED* FROM YOU ASSASSINS.

J-JACK... OH GOD... JACK!
JUST HANG ON, BABY!
WE'LL GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL!
JUST-- *HOLD ON!*



YOU...

...SHOULDA TAKEN ME UP ON MY OFFER, BELLADONNA...

...I COULD'VE WORKED FOR YOU...

...COULD'VE BEEN THE ONLY ASSASSIN YOU NEEDED...

...AND I COULD'VE GOTTEN MY DAMN ***BEACH HOUSE!***

WE COULD ***STILL*** MAKE THAT ARRANGEMENT WORK, DEADPOOL.

YOU'VE MOST CERTAINLY PROVEN YOUR CAPABILITIES HERE TONIGHT.

THIS COULD'VE BEEN JUST A ***PRACTICE RUN***, HUH?

BYGONES COULD BE BYGONES.

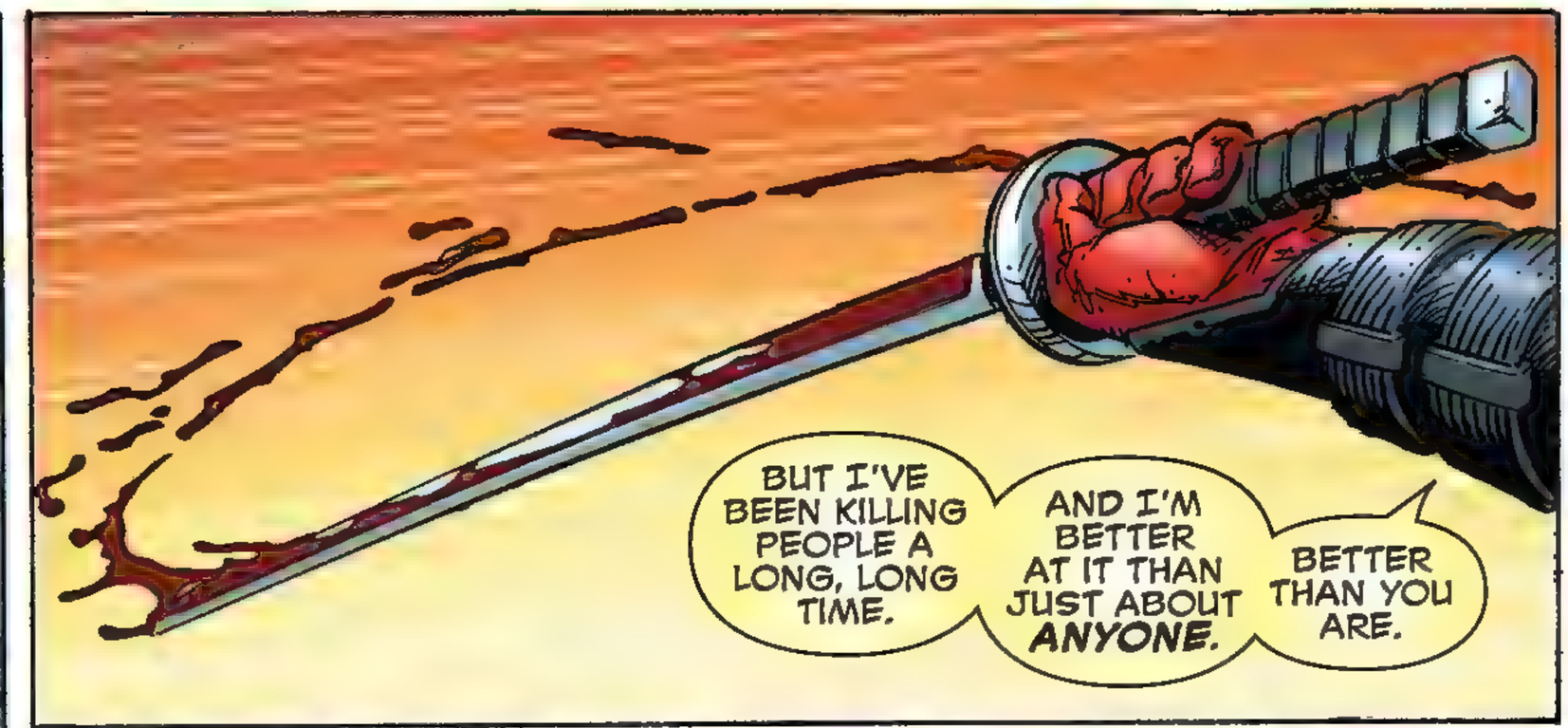
AND I COULD GET RICH QUICK.

SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD, ACTUALLY.

EXCEPT I HAVE A *CODE*, Y'KNOW?

HRRRK!

SHLLLLINK



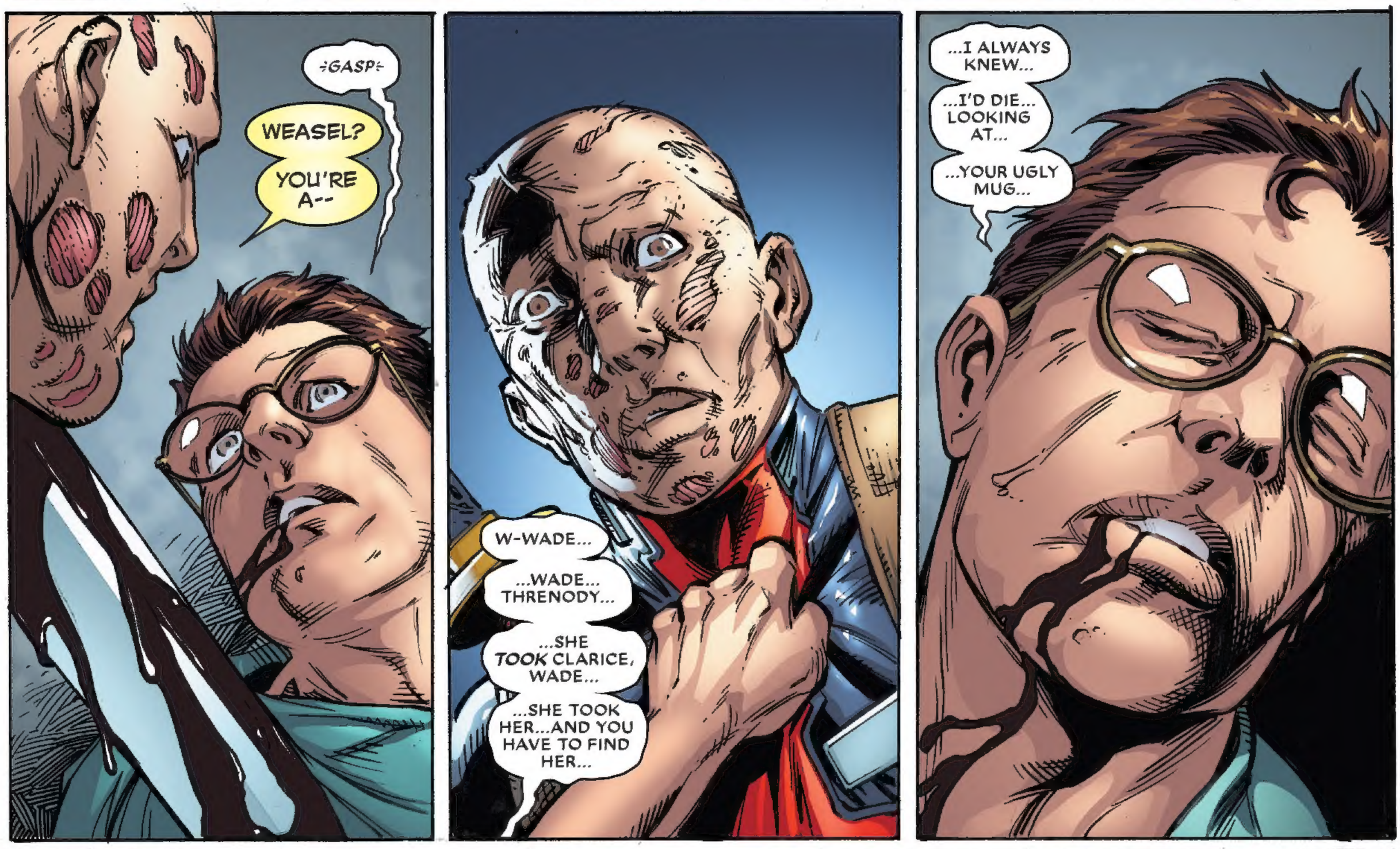
OR BETTER THAN YOU *WERE*.

SO...EVEN IF THERE *WERE* STILL AN ASSASSINS GUILD...

...I DON'T THINK I'D BE ON THE PAYROLL.

I MEAN... WHO NEEDS YOU?

"AFTER ALL, WEASEL IS MY CO-PILOT."
MOTEL 7
WEASEL!
YOU...
...YOU'VE GOT A SWORD STUCK IN YOU!

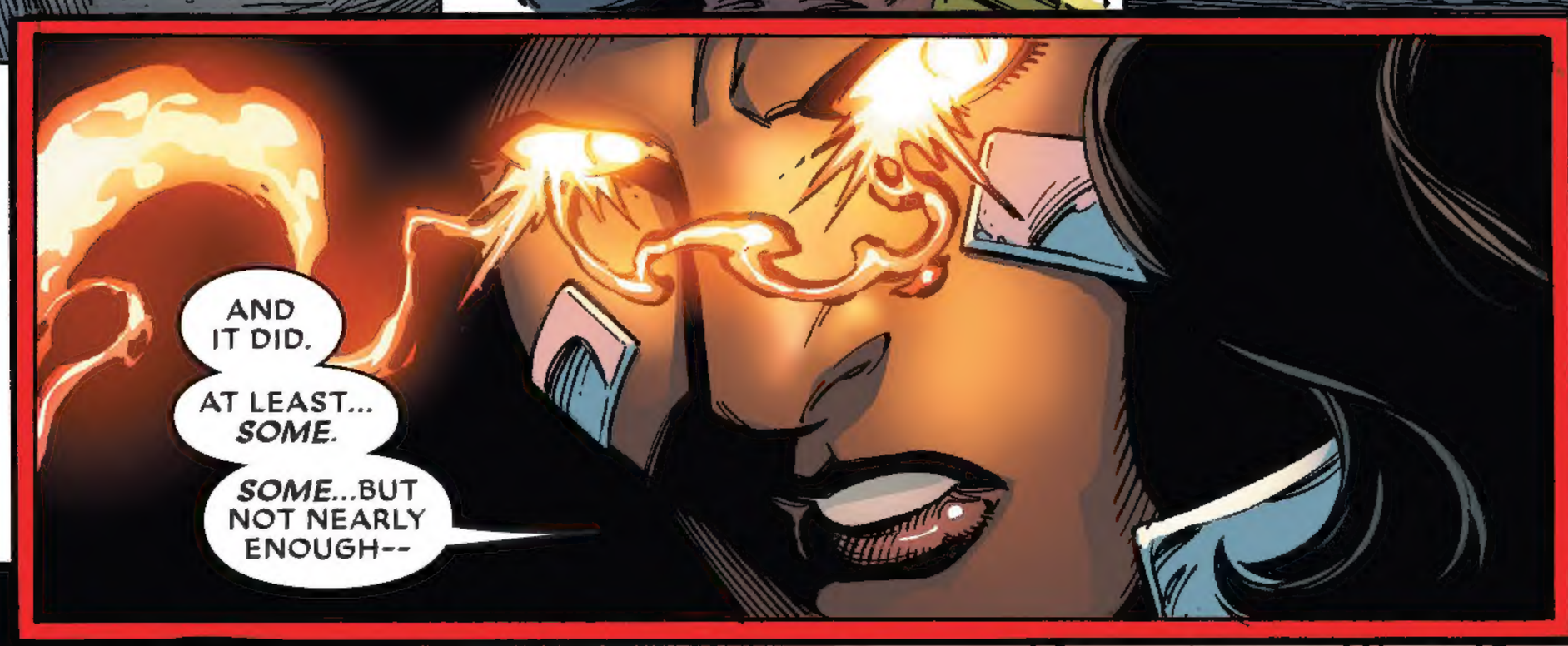

÷GASP÷
WEASEL?
YOU'RE A--
W-WADE...
...WADE... THRENODY...
...SHE TOOK CLARICE, WADE...
...SHE TOOK HER...AND YOU HAVE TO FIND HER...
...I ALWAYS KNEW...
...I'D DIE... LOOKING AT...
...YOUR UGLY MUG...

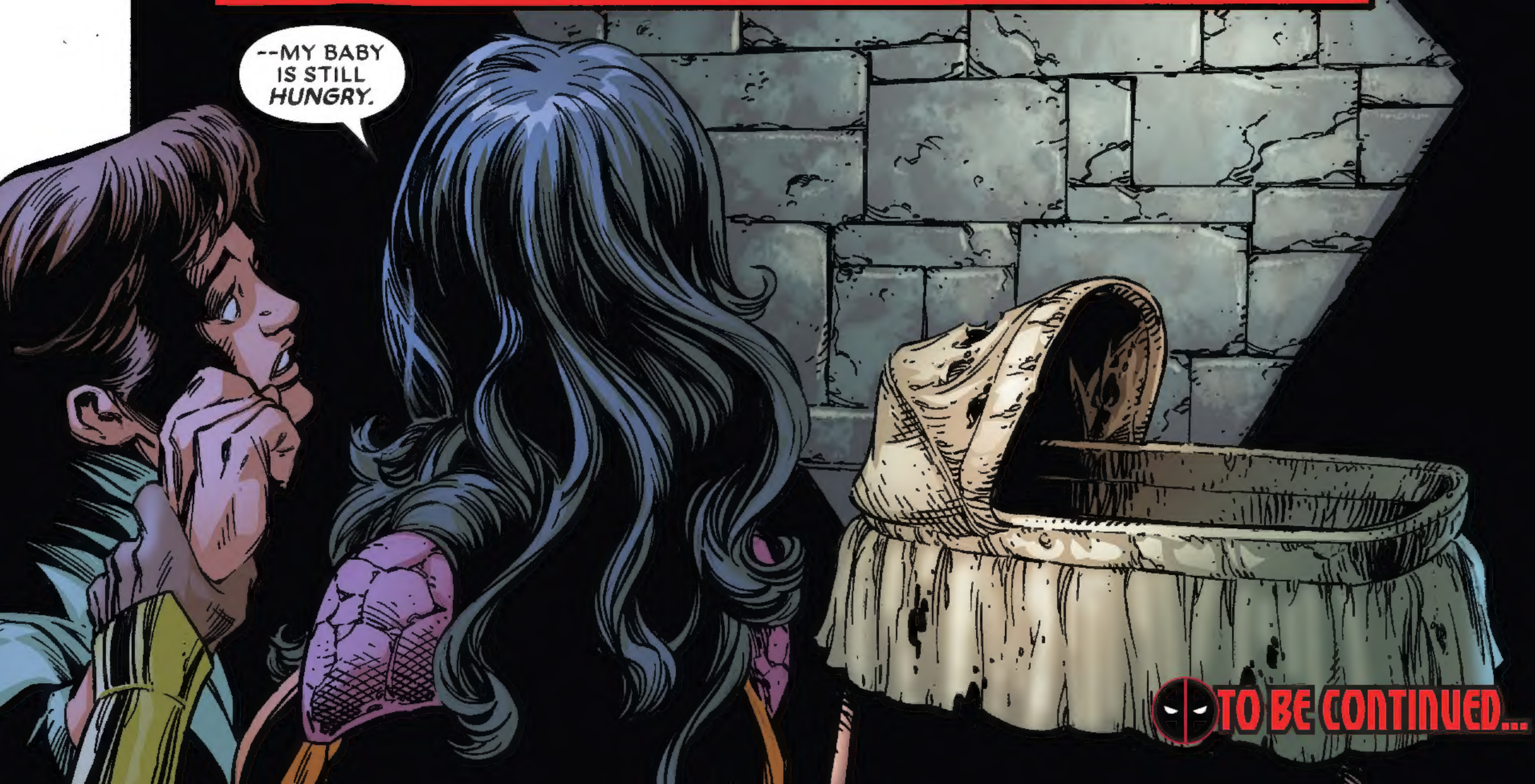
THRENODY--

"--WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?"
DO NOT WEEP FOR YOUR HUSBAND.
HE WAS SELFISH. HE WAS WEAK.
HE GOT WHAT HE DESERVED.
P-PLEASE...
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
IT'S NOT YOU THAT I NEED.

I THOUGHT THAT SPENDING TIME WITH THE GUILD...
...SPENDING TIME WITH SOMEONE LIKE DEADPOOL...
...WOULD GIVE ME THE DEATH ENERGY I NEEDED.


AND IT DID.
AT LEAST... SOME.
SOME...BUT NOT NEARLY ENOUGH--


--MY BABY IS STILL HUNGRY.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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